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Crops will soon begin to report themselves.
There is no sentiment in practical politics. Public opinion is only respected when it is backed up with votes.

The principal object in some people's lives appears to be to break into the penitentiary. They usually succeed.

The chronic kicker is like a chicken which has been operated on with an axe. He has no head to govern his actions.

The territory jointist is something of a swagart until the law grips him, and then he cringes like a dog under the lash.

Vinita extends a glad welcome to her many guests today and is entertaining them as befits the Queen City of the territory.

The politician is about as secure at the pie counter as the resident of Martinique. An eruption that will sweep him from public view is liable to occur at any time.

Mr. Mellette says that the masses of the republicans are anxious to enlist under the Roosevelt banner. The army of pie thieves must look mighty big to William.

Every citizen of Vinita should be a promoter of the city's welfare. There is not a day passes but that some opportunity is given to say a good word for the Queen city.

Lost—a union station somewhere between the selfishness of private individuals and the inanity of the railroad officials. Finder will please notify a long suffering public.

The ones who find fault with the contents of a newspaper are usually those who are leading questionable lives and do not wish the general public to become cognizant of the fact.

The political hope of the Territory rests outside of her domains. One influential man in congress can achieve more in one day than continuous conventions or conferences can in thirty years.

Governor Green McCurtain, of the Choctaw Nation, has stated that Oklahoma is a Choctaw word, meaning "red apple." The pain that its arrogance causes in this section suggests that the color ought to be changed.

That conference of chiefs will, no doubt, be a pleasant affair, and cannot possibly do any harm. A conference of a bunch of wirepulling congressmen favorable to the Territory would inspire, however, more hopes of results.

Muskogee is anticipating some sensations from a bunch of true bills returned by the grand jury before adjourning Saturday. It is intimated that some of the elect are on the anxious bench, as a result of their transgressions.

The present cold snap has developed some animation, even in the habits of the dry goods boxes. They whistle faster and in other ways show that their apparent ossification is but a well developed case of that tired feeling.

The location of a canning factory or small manufacturing plant here, would serve as a valuable demonstration of the advantages offered by Vinita as a manufacturing city. The larger plants would soon follow the smaller ones.

There are a number of little towns which continue barking at Vinita. They are harmless, and will soon be distanced by their neighboring communities which have quit the same game and have emulated the bustling example, which has placed Vinita so far in the lead.

The new court towns are preparing for the initial terms of court with becoming pride. Some of these same towns will not need a United States court to show that they are on the map, within a few years, if they continue their present hustling.

It would pay to bring the more influential members of congress to the territory on a junketing trip before the short session. If they could see and appreciate the political conditions, after being shown the wealth and culture of this section corrective legislation would soon follow.

Little matters like the disbursement of an enlightened people do not interest some resident officials. So long as their warrants arrive regularly they consider the present government of the Territory ideal.

It would be a good idea for the several chiefs to throw a "cold hand" at that South McAlester pow-wow to decide which one shall be the first governor of the territory. The hum of the bee is in all of their bonnets.

In view of the trouble experienced by Muskogee and Ardmore in obtaining free delivery of mails it would be well for Vinita to anticipate the establishment of a second class postoffice here, by starting to build good sidewalks.

Wagoner has been badly fooled on a "petrified man" fake. This is not surprising as Wagoner is a live town, and anything petrified is a curiosity. There are some towns in which a petrified man would attract no more attention than the balance of the population.

From all accounts some of the local gamblers, whose game is to fleece strangers in private games of cards, narrowly escaped indictment by the present grand jury. Their day will arrive however in due time, and it will take the contributions of a good many lambs to balance their accounts.

The beef trust is not a marker to the United States court when it comes to the price of meat. An ordinary cow, which has not carried a tenderloin for ten years costs a man five years of liberty in the court, where a hundred dollars would buy it cut and delivered from the much maligned trust.

The Spindle Top oil field at Beaumont is in flames and the loss is expected to exceed one million dollars. An inexhaustible supply of the purest water is a much more secure asset of a town than an unknown quantity of the combustible lubricant. Our aridians wells are worth more to Vinita than a dozen oil wells.

Vinita is the ideal city in that it offers not only the most favorable business advantages, but combines all of the comforts of the residence city. With splendid schools, pure water, cheap land, supplies, and a population noted for law and order, life offers its most attractive side in the Queen City of the Territory.

President Roosevelt has returned to Washington. He did not handle the trouble and break a record; the engineer never skinned a grizzly with him; and he did not recognize in the conductor his old chum, "Billious Bill" the Montana terrier. As a consequence his press agents consider the trip a dismal failure.

A chronic disturber of the peace should never be fined. Respectable relatives usually pay the fines and, as a consequence, they are not, in fact, any punishment for these violators of the law. Jail sentences have but little more terror for them, as they are absolutely oblivious to disgrace. A rock pile is the one and only solution.

The imposing of a few severe sentences on the first "pot hunters" arrested, will do much toward protecting territory game from slaughter this season. The present law offers sufficient protection to guarantee game preservation. The only thing necessary is for the co-operation of the farmers with the law officers.

The right freely to criticize the public acts of public functionaries is the most valuable right the people have. Indeed, it is a condition precedent to the intelligent exercise of the elective franchise. It is a right not accorded as a special privilege to the press or for its sake, but to the people themselves and for the sake of their liberties—American Press.

From all accounts that Muskogee dentist, who assaulted U. A. Looney of the Times, had better confine himself in the future to pulling teeth, or he is liable to draw a straight ticket to the cemetery. One of the essentials of modern journalism is to print the facts irrespective of persons, and to stand by them until that traditional cold wave alters the accepted conditions in the hereafter.

Twenty Scholarships Free. The Catholic Indian Bureau has announced that it will offer twenty free scholarships at the Sacred Heart Institute here, this year. All applicants must be Indians by blood. Full particulars as to conditions can be obtained from Rev. A. E. Vernavel, Vinita, I. T.

Nice line of visiting cards—latest styles—at this office.

MERRY SCENES.

Marked the Inauguration Of the Three Days Of Carnival.

GOOD ATTRACTIONS

Entertain the Big Crowd—Spectacular Trades Display Parade—Other Features of the Merry Event—Many Country Visitors.

Vinita assumed her carnival dress Tuesday morning, and with the spectacular trades display parade the festivities opened.

Trades Display Parade. The parade was delayed for nearly an hour in moving, while the finishing touches were being applied to some of the handsome floats.

It was nearly 11:30 when Marshal Breaker gave the order to march and, headed by the augmented band playing an inspiring march, the long line of attractive floats passed down Illinois ave.

Following the band were the blue-shirted fire ladders escorting the brightly burnished "machine." Mrs. Balentine's float, loaded down with an attractive display of groceries, followed the fire department.

The Home Bakery was represented by a striking imitation of a huge loaf of bread, which attracted a great deal of attention.

H. M. Williams had a decorated wagon filled with farm produce and groceries.

The Vinita Plow Co. was attractively represented by a decorated buggy drawn by three handsome black horses.

The float of the Badgett Sanders Mercantile Co. was a pavilion decorated in green and white, in which Miss Agnes Ficklin, attended by two pretty little maids, was enthroned. It was an artistic masterpiece and received many complimentary comments.

The Green Road Co. displayed farm implements and a handsome buggy on their prettily decorated float.

The theme of the Ratcliff Mercantile Co's float was Oriental. Reclining under a mosque-like dome was Miss Lohman, attended by Misses Myrtle Crockett, Nettie Duncan and Willie Trott. The handsome Turkish rugs and draperies completed a very pretty picture.

Lee Barrett had a wigwam made of lap robes as a background to a display of saddles, etc. Marshall Stevens, resplendent in red paint and a big pipe, looked the Indian he represented.

A completely furnished dining room and kitchen was the attractive exhibit of the Frazee Hardware & Furniture Co. S. R. executed a spectacular stunt in preventing housekeeping from being broken up when the rough places were encountered.

Spaulding Bros. had a fine display of farm implements and bugies.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

Throughout this morning, low-lying clouds with occasional downfalls of rain threatened to dampen the carnival spirit and prevent the flower parade this afternoon. Just before the hour for the parade the clouds scattered and a few shafts of sunshine sent the hopes of the carnival management and throng of visitors skyward, as the parade was the principal event of the day.

The ladies who had spent days in decorating the vehicles decided that their efforts should not be for naught, or that the visitors should be disappointed, and announced that they would enter the parade, which took place at 3:30 and was by far the most attractive feature of the occasion.

Among those who have entered are: Mesdames Stanfield, Thompson, Parker, Foreman, Chandler, Day, Korngay, Burkhalter, Joe Green, A. N. Green and Griffith. The excursion trains from surrounding points brought large crowds in this morning, and the streets were soon crowded with merry-makers.

Notes of the Booths. The fire ladders' booth, which was one of the most attractive, was well patronized during the carnival by those who are interested in assisting the department to obtain a house for the engine.

The Christian Endeavor booth of the Presbyterian church did a rushing business. It was the mecca for a hungry throng throughout the carnival days.

The Methodist booth, resplendent in its dress of golden rod, was one of the popular places with the visitors.

Several of the merchants, including Ed. Lee, Badgett-Sanders Mercantile Co., Burns Racket and Ed. Rose had attractive booths, which supplied the many wants of the crowd.

The fairs added their full quota

to the din by supplying the juvenile Vinitan with the mellotone to the shapes of whistles, singing(?) balloons, etc.

At North Park. All of the noisy splendor of the midway greeted the visitors at North Park. Fortune tellers, vau-deville, trained animals, and all the attendant attractions are there.

The visitor has a choice of selection to draw from and can either try to read the thoughts of an educated snake or listen to the musical snores of the buried sleeper. There are a number of very good attractions at the park, and it is a popular place of amusement.

Miss Trott the Flower Queen. The voting contest for Flower Queen closed Monday night and the judges declared Miss Fay Trott to be the recipient of the high honor. The closing hours of the contest were very exciting and votes for the several fair candidates poured in. Miss Trott received 397 votes winning by quite a majority.

WAS TOO SPEEDY.

A. R. Breker Gave a Sneak Thief An Exhibition of Sprinting.

George Williams, a "sprinter" for one of the midway shows, is locked up in the jail and Manager Harris of the Golden Rule store is congratulating himself on the recovery of a pair of trousers, as the result of the sprinting abilities of A. R. Breker.

Williams entered the Golden Rule yesterday, ostensibly to purchase some clothing. When he left there was a pair of trousers secreted under his vest, but there was no sales ticket on the hook.

He then entered the Ratcliff Mercantile Co. to select a hat. He made his choice when no one was looking and started to leave the store. He was discovered and brought back, but when he was searched the hat had disappeared but he still had the trousers. Williams then decided that his presence was no longer needed and breaking away, he speeded up the alley past Lee Barrett's. A. R. Breker heard the cries "stop thief" and started in pursuit. Williams was taking the rough places on the jump, but Breker let out an extra kink and overhauled him. Williams was winded when caught but by the time he gets out of jail, will probably have recovered it.

MEETING OF CHIEFS.

Tribal Executives Will Discuss Plans For Statehood.

Chief Pleasant Porter, of the Creek Nation, has invited the chief executives of the other nations to meet at South McAlester, Sept. 26, to discuss means of obtaining statehood for the Indian Territory.

Chief Buffington and Governor McCurtain, of the Choctaws, have accepted, and it is thought that Governor Mosely, of the Chickasaws, will also be in attendance.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL

Ex-Senator Jeffers, of Kansas, has prepared a topical index of all the debates in congress up to 1891 and proposes to make the work complete to the present time.

Rev. John Herr, of Lima, Ill., is the owner of the oldest Bible in the United States. It was printed in 1533 at Zurich and has been in Mr. Herr's family for 12 generations.

W. R. Sutton, an Englishman who died recently, left about \$10,000,000 in trust to provide model dwellings for working people. The trustees may make the rents as low as they like, provided no one lives entirely free of charge.

Rev. C. A. Skinner, of Cambridge, Mass., and father of the actor, Otto Skinner, says he believes that the time is not far off when ministers and churchgoers will realize that the legitimate stage has a beneficial influence and assists in the work of the church.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, had a grocery and provision store in St. Joseph, Mo., when a young man, and sold provisions mostly to pioneers passing through that city for the west. He went to China after selling out and returned to St. Louis a wealthy man.

It is 50 years ago since Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, was first sworn into congress, and he has outlived every other member who took the oath with him at that time. The only reason why he is not now the father of the house is because his membership has not been continuous.

Emperor William has recently issued an order authorizing officers of the navy to wear beards. This is construed as a hint for all officers to do so, as it often pleases his eccentric majesty to indicate his wishes indirectly in such a manner. The military officers still adhere to the imperial form of mustache.

Barbers in India. The barbers of India rank with the washerwomen. The son of a barber must be a barber all his life, and his wife must be a barber's daughter. The Hindu shaver travels about in search of customers, and the barbering is done in the street. But there are no stools, both barber and customer squatting on their heels while the operation is performed. The Hindu barber is a man and a chiropractist as well, and his pay is wretchedly small.

Barbers in India, working as servants for a well native family, or for a European, receive from \$1.25 to two dollars a month. They often act as surgeons, and they make a specialty of piercing the ears of young girls for earrings, while barbers' wives are almost always hairdressers.—Detroit Free Press.

FEDERAL COURT.

Verdict of Aggravated Assault Returned by Jury in Boling Case.

GRAND JURY FINISH

Their Work After Returning 134 True Bills and is Discharged by the Court—Numerous Cases Are Transferred.

(Tuesday, Sept. 16—8th Day.)

The hearing of the Boling assault case, which has occupied the attention of the court for the past two days, was resumed this morning. The evidence had all been heard when court adjourned yesterday afternoon, and this morning's session was devoted to the hearing of arguments.

The grand jury has returned true bills against the following: John Johnson, forgery.

Frank Day, altering and uttering.

Will Turner, introducing liquor, three counts.

J. T. Howard, arson; J. T. Howard, assault to kill.

S. Kelly and Hy Landrum, larceny and receiving stolen property.

Jess Miller, larceny. Bills were ignored against Floyd McVickers, charged with larceny; John Wheat and Frank Marshall, larceny; Andy Crossland, forgery; Will Wallen, forgery and larceny.

Frank Rines, charged with introducing, took a transfer to Nowata.

John Johnson, forgery, transferred to Sallisaw.

Frank Day, altering and uttering, transferred to Sallisaw.

J. T. Howard, arson, transferred to Sallisaw.

S. Kelly, larceny and receiving stolen property, plead not guilty; continued.

Hy Landrum, larceny and receiving stolen property, plead not guilty; continued.

Jess Millery, larceny; continued.

Motion of Earl Holt, charged with murder, for continuance was overruled.

(Wednesday, Sept. 17—9th Day.)

The jury in the W. F. Boling assault case, in which Boling was charged with having shot a man named Berryfield, returned a verdict of aggravated assault.

The grand jury completed its session yesterday and was discharged by the court. Since returning the jury returned 134 true bills. The following true bills were returned yesterday:

Wm. Barr, larceny.

Frank Day.

Wm. Johnson, Sam Frye, Frank Ephraim and Tom Anderson, robbery.

John Han entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of introducing.

Tom Shelton plead not guilty to charges of rape and adultery and case was transferred to Claremore. Bond fixed at \$500.

Josh Martin and Florence Lane plead not guilty to charge of adultery. Case continued and bond fixed at \$300 each.

Daniel Jeffrey plead not guilty to carnal knowledge female. Transferred to Pryor Creek; bond, \$500.

Doug Smith and Copper John plead not guilty to charges of introducing and assault to kill. Transferred to Sallisaw.

Tom Jones, arraigned on charge of murder, plead not guilty.

The case of Addison Steward, charged with incest, is being heard today.

WEDDING BELLS.

Have Pealed Throughout a Half Century for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barritt.

The echoes from the wedding bells which a half century ago chimed merrily at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barritt could be heard in all their sweet harmony at the Western Hotel Sunday night where their golden jubilee was celebrated.

Surrounded by a large assemblage of friends, by their children, and their children's children, the ceremony which embarked them on life's sea together was repeated.

Rev. Mr. Bray of the Methodist church officiated and Miss Fay Trott rendered the majestic strains of the wedding march.

The "bride" was gownned in a pale green organdie and was attended by Mrs. J. H. Arter. J. H. Arter was at upon the groom.

After the "ceremony" an informal reception was held by the happy couple and refreshments were served.

Over a hundred guests were present at the happy event and many handsome presents were received.

Horse in Pound. One suburban bay horse, dark streak down back; black points, dark mane and tail; 14 hands high; 6 years old. Has been ridden but is shy.

J. F. LINDSEY, City Marshal.

A TEETH DECAYING JOB.

Men Working in Storage Battery Pits Lay It to Sulphuric Acid Fumes.

Calculated to arouse wonder and perhaps excite the curiosity of the medical and dental professions were the teeth of the men who handle the storage batteries of the Thirty-fourth street cross-town cars rot from the effects of the acid fumes which arise from the batteries as they are charged, while apparently no other ill effects are felt, says the New York Tribune.

Twelve men work in the two pits at the power house in West Forty-second street, in which the storage batteries are taken from the cars, recharged and restored to the cars. The pits are situated between the tracks near the doors at each end of the building through which the cars enter and depart. Each pit has two openings just large enough to permit batteries to be lowered from and raised to the cars through them. As the cars are stopped over the openings, which are exactly the shape of the batteries, the rectangular boxes, their power having been consumed, are released from the fastenings which clutch them to the underbody of the car. They fall through the opening into a frame-work, traveling on a railway in the pit, and are guided down to the floor of the crane. This powerful machine also carries a freshly charged battery, and when the powerless one has been lowered the fresh one is hoisted into place in the same manner, an automatic clutch holding it in place under the car.

The batteries are charged for one, two or three trips. When the number of trips made by each car in the course of a day is considered it is apparent that the batteries are recharged many times, even in 12 hours. Sulphuric acid and water form the liquid proportions of these batteries, and when they are charged with an electric current they exhale clouds of vapor or fumes which are strongly impregnated with sulphuric acid. It is these fumes, the men say, which cause their teeth to decay rapidly, even in such a short space of time as three months. Save for causing a soreness of the skin, the fumes apparently do them no other harm and have no effect on their lungs, though they cannot help but inhale the acid-charged fumes. Several bladders bring fresh air from the outside, but the fumes are not entirely dispelled. On some days when the wind blows from such a quarter as to force the fumes back, rather than draw them out, the men are obliged to work with cloth over their noses. Yet all the workers in the pit seem satisfied, and say they do not mind the fumes after they have become accustomed to them. Even the men who work over the pits on the outside show decaying teeth and say in that respect that it is just as bad to work over the pit as it is inside it.

ENGLAND'S WEDDING RING.

Symbol Used at Coronation Once Belonged to Edward the Confessor.

"The Wedding Ring of England" is of plain gold, set with a large table ruby, on which the cross of St. George is engraved.

Legend says that this ring belonged to Edward the Confessor, and that he bestowed it on an old beggar who asked an alms of him, he having nothing else at hand at the moment.

Soon afterward, says Lippincott's, two English pilgrims lost their way in the Holy Land and were succored by a "fayre old man," who on parting said to them: "I am John the Evangelist; and says ye unto Edward your king that I greet him well by the token that he gaff to me, this rymge, with hys own handes."

Certain it is that James II., when detained by the fishermen of Sheerness on his first attempt to flee the country in 1688, contrived to hide a ring, called "the coronation ring" in his clothing.

This was a favorite ring of Mary, queen of Scots, and was sent by her at her death to James V., finally coming into the possession of George I. through the channels by which he obtained all the remaining papers of the house of Stuart.

At the coronation the archbishop puts the ring on the fourth finger of his majesty's right hand, saying: "Receive this ring, the ensign of kingly dignity and of defense of the Catholic faith."

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Peru has a coast line of 1,600 miles. The present population of Holland exceeds 2,100,000.

The present population of Ecuador is about 1,500,000, including Indians. Successful experiments in raising tea have in recent years been made on the Caucasian coast of the Black sea.

Fashionable Moscow lap dogs are now hand-painted in decorative designs, according to the St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya.

A British cruiser, the Pandora, was prevented from sailing from Portsmouth on time recently, because her condensers were clogged with sea-water. Thomas Atkinson, who helped Stephenson build the Rocket, has been 70 years in a trades union and heads the membership list of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. He is 90 years of age and has drawn benefit money from the union for 27 years.

Prussia on December 1, 1900, according to the official census figures, had 24,472,500 inhabitants, of whom 10,971,493 were males and 13,501,006 females. The kingdom contained 21,817,577 Protestants, 12,113,670 Catholics (including Greek Orthodox), 120,127 members of other Christian sects, and 292,322 Jews.

Hungary has 11 towns of 50,000 inhabitants, or more, according to the recent census. Budapest has 732,000; Szeged, 105,000; Maria Theresopolis, 83,000; Debreczin, 75,000; Presburg, 66,000; Rodmerovasarhely, 61,600; Keiskemet, 57,000; Arad, 56,000; Temesvar, 63,000; Grosswarden and Klausenburg, 50,000 each. Agram, in Croatia, has 61,000 inhabitants.

Peculiar Viennese Custom. At Venice when anyone dies it is the custom to fix a placard before the dead person's house, as well as in adjacent streets, as a sort of public notice, stating his name, age, place of birth, and the illness from which he died, affirming also that he received the holy sacraments, died a good Christian, and requesting the prayers of the faithful.—Chicago Journal.

Better Than Dynamite. When it comes to opening a heart, dynamite is superior to dynamite.

J. F. LINDSEY, City Marshal.



JUST RECEIVED

The largest car of stoves that ever came to Vinita. Our line is complete in every respect. Come in and examine our stock. We can please you in PRICE and QUALITY. We have the Charter Oak and Bucks, both heating and cook. The Quick meal and the Majestic Ranges, the best on earth. We guarantee prices.

Darrough Hardware Co.

The New Lumber Yard Of Brinson & Patterson...

Is now open for business, with a splendid assortment of long and short leaf yellow pine building lumber. Sash, Doors, Sand, Lime, Cement and Acme Plaster. All lumber and sash house specialties. We challenge comparison on our builders stocks. Our material is right. Our prices are right. No trouble to figure your bills and estimates. We are here for business, and our health is firstclass. N.B. For knot holes and splinters go elsewhere. We don't sell 'em.

Location, West Illinois st., Opp. Priddy's Store.

FEEDERS FOR SALE!

Good healthy feeding steers for sale. Will sell in numbers to suit purchasers. For full particulars address. JOHN FRANKLIN, Estella, I. T.

Cheap Settlers' Rates to the Far West and Northwest.

The Burlington Route renews the low one-way settlers' rate of \$2.50 from Missouri River to California, Portland and the Puget Sound country every day during September and October, with correspondingly low rates to the Spokane District and the Butte-Helena District also proportionate rates from interior Missouri, Kansas and Southwest territory.

"The Burlington Northern Pacific Express" is the great through train leaving Kansas City daily for the Northwest. Through Coaches, Chair Cars, (seats free), Standard and Tourist Sleepers to Butte, Helena, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Portland. Connecting train from Denver at night joining this Northwest train at Alliance, Neb.

Visit the Old Home—East

Home visitors' excursions to points in Ohio and Indiana, rate of sale September 16th and